

# September 2020 ECP Middle School Newsletter



It has been a good but challenging start to our 2020-2021 school year. I appreciate the patience and support shown by so many of you. As we continue to practice Virtual Learning on Mondays, students and teachers alike are learning new “survival skills” as we learn to learn from a distance. The students are getting the hang of what is expected of them and even often help the teachers figure out new uses for our apps and extensions in Google Classroom. While I know it hasn’t been easy, I have been amazed by the determination and professionalism of our ECPMS Staff. I would also like to take a moment to encourage parents to send students with a mask, stay socially distant, and wash hands frequently to help deter the spread of COVID-19. It is wonderful to be back in school and we want to stay that way. Thank you parents for trusting us with your children.

-Angela Doss, Middle School Principal

## **Student Accomplishments, Honors or Events**

### **September Students of the Month**

6th Grader - Harli Johnson

7th Grader - Jade Cook

8th Grader - Riley Shreve

### **\* World’s Greatest Chocolate Middle School Fundraiser begins September 16.**

Please consider allowing your child to sell a box of \$1 chocolate bars to help support the Middle School Activity Fund. An online form will be available on the website for you to fill out. Our Activity Fund is used to fund supplies, activities, and needs for teachers and students. Thank you for supporting our school!

**\* Virtual Mondays** Our staff appreciates this time to collaborate and work to make your child’s educational experience the best it can be. Our teachers are available from 8:20 am until 3:00 pm, every Monday, to take your child’s questions and help them. Additionally, students must look at Virtual Monday as a school day and not a free day. Any student not completing his or her work by midnight will be counted absent. Please help make sure students’ assignments are complete and turned in by Monday at

midnight each week. In order to participate in Monday evening sports, athletes must complete work for at least half of the day with core subjects being finished first. Contact the teacher via email or leave a message for the teacher by calling the Middle School if special arrangements need to be made. Remember, we offer free wireless access to the internet from the parking lot on the north side of the Middle School. Call the school office for the password.

## **Good Things are Happening at the Middle School**

**Angela Sawyer's Classes** - 6th grade Social Studies classes are exploring the Roman Republic, Roman Empire, and the similarities between its history and our government today. 8th grade Math classes are reviewing integers and absolute values. The STEAM classes have started the construction of the Claw bot Legacy. The virtual students are exploring the many different ways of programming the remote controls for the robots.

**Ann Harrel's Classes** - Our Language Arts classes are working really with the Edmentum program. Our Math classes are using our Math series on a daily basis, and using Edmentum Exact Path Learning Paths to help fill in gaps left from last year. We are also using the Language Arts Learning Paths for the same reason. We've been focusing on grammar in Language Arts, and we've used sale papers to find unit rates in Math.

**Jennifer Earp's Classes** - Seventh and eighth ELA classes have been brushing up on grammar with the Edmentum courseware. We have also just started using the Scholastic Scope magazine to practice finding text evidence to support our answers.

**Kristal Patterson's Classes** -

7th grade reading has begun the book Hoot by Carl Hiaasen. The students really seem to be enjoying it!

6th grade science class has been working through Edmentum.com with Physical Science being our main focus. They have also used other sources such as Readworks.org for enrichment on science topics.

7th grade science has also been working on Edmentum.com with their focus on life science and cells. They have also used other sources such as readworks.org for enrichment.

### **Stacey McCaa's Classes -**

My reading classes are reading the book Wonder. We are really enjoying the story and learning about the different precepts listed in the book and how to treat each other.

4H had a sporting clays shoot 8/29 that we took a group of high school boys to compete in. They had fun doing this type of competition and placed very well for their first time. Gage Dellin 11th, Tyler West 18th, Austin Brown 25th, Haiden West 29th, and Ced Burch 31st. 4H online registration has begun for this year.

6th grade math classes are working on integers, rational numbers and absolute value. 7th grade math classes are working on multiplying and dividing integers, translations and reflections.

**Stephen McCleskey** - Beginning Band has been hard at work learning the fundamentals of music and their instruments. Advanced Band has been learning their scales and developing with their honor band music.

Computer Applications have been learning the Google Suite apps and also developing websites. They have also been working on content creation with WeVideo and Youtube.

**Willie Harrell** - 7th Grade Geography we are going over the resources and economic development of the Eastern hemisphere. They are learning about renewable and non-renewable resources, and how that affects the development of certain places.

8th Grade US History- We just finished our breaking news videos and have moved into The American Revolution. Causes, major players and major events of that time period.

**WE LOVE OUR BADGERS!** 